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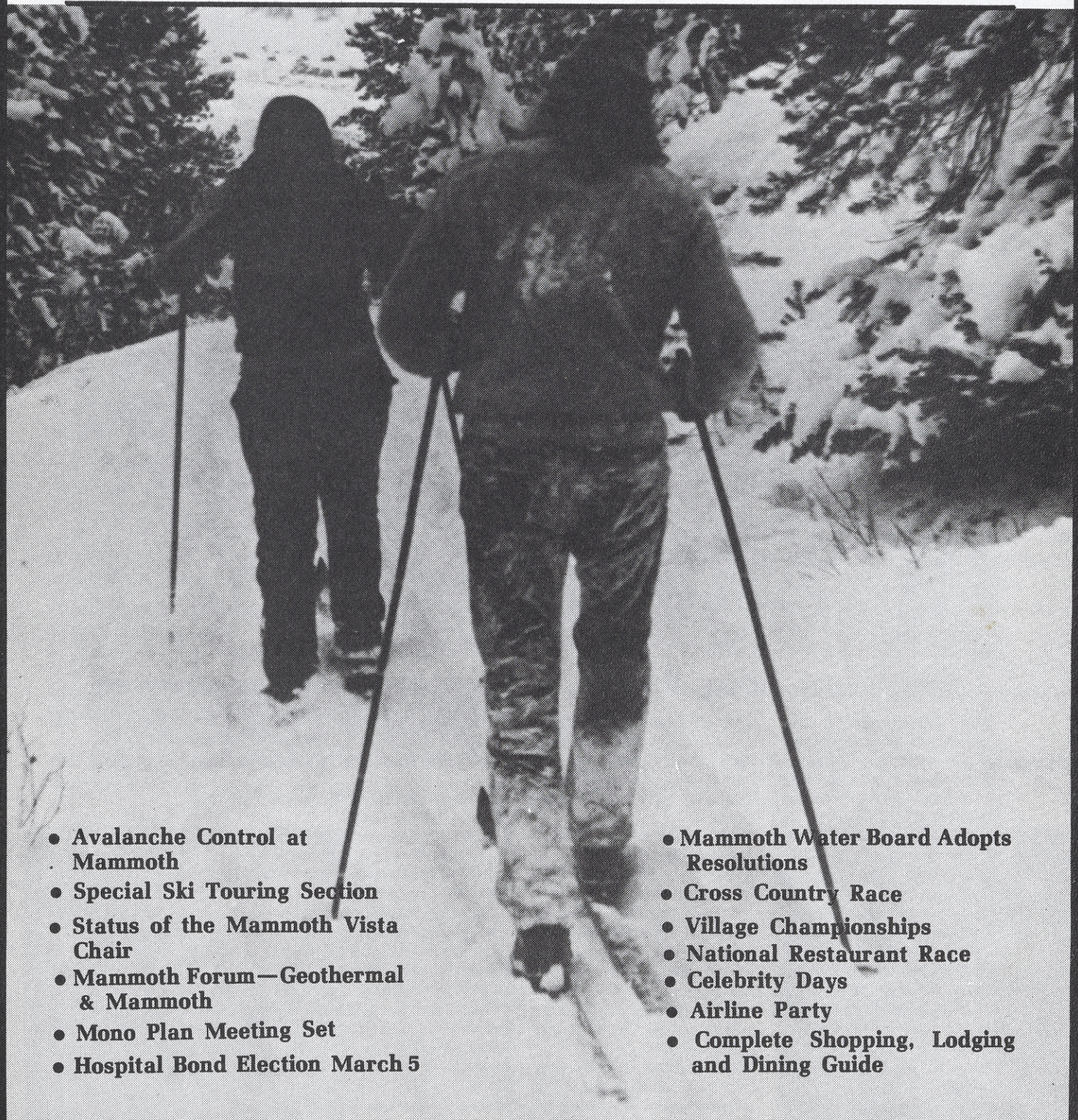

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DATES SET FOR MAMMOTH VILLAGE CHAMPIONSHIP

The Village Championship ski race has been set for Tuesday March 26 and Thursday March 28, at Mammoth Mountain Ski Area. This year the race will be open to all businesses in Mammoth (last year only restaurants and sport shops were invited to participate).

Each business may enter one or more 4-man or 4-women teams. The entry fee is $25 per team. The race is run in a dual slalom—like the pro races. The course will be an intermediate course with "bumps" in it and will be set up on lower Fascination and Broadway. The top three times of each team will count in the final scoring.

Businesses are encouraged to form their teams soon and start practicing for this fun race. Max Good, director of the Mammoth Mountain Ski School, is in charge of the race. He has indicated that a "bump" will be built along the side of the race course for practice ahead of time.

The Village Championships will also be the qualifying race for the National Restaurant Race. The top three men's teams and the top women's teams of the restaurants entered will be able to participate in the National Restaurant Race scheduled for April 23, 24 and 25.

Mammoth Lakes C of C To Sponsor Second Annual Nordic Holiday Race

Far West Ski Association has three more races scheduled for this season. The races will be held at the Mammoth Ski Touring Center at Twin Lakes. These fun-filled races will be held on February 24th and March 24th at 11:00 am with the FWSA Nordic Recreational Racing Championships on April 21.

For the serious cross country racers there is the Senior Men's 8 kilometer race and the Jr. Men's—Jr. & Senior Women's 4 kilometer race. Three prizes will be awarded in each class.

For the beginner there will be the Fun & Family Race. Any size group or family can participate in this one mile trail race. Prizes will be given to the three best individual times, the three best groups, and the oldest and youngest participant.

There is no entry fee. Ski equipment can be rented at Mammoth Ski Touring Center who is providing a waxing clinic.

Reservations can be mailed or you may sign up in advance. For further information call or write Mammoth Ski Touring Center, P.O. Box 36, Mammoth Lakes, California 93546. (714) 934-6955.

5th Annual Airline Party

The Mammoth Lakes Chamber of Commerce and the Mono County Chamber of Commerce will sponsor an Airline Party for the fifth year. The party is scheduled for April 21-26. All airline personnel and their guests are invited to attend. Many of the Airlines' ski teams have already indicated an interest in attending.

The Chamber of Commerce has come up with a very attractive package for the week. For $49.00 the attendees will receive a 5-day lift pass, 2 dinners, picnics, parties, 2 races, trophies, and many door prizes.

An addition to the many activities this year will be a race clinic. The all-day clinic is scheduled for Tuesday and will cost $6.00.

The highlight of the week is the Banquet and an awards presentation Thursday evening.

Sierra Pacific Airlines offers an airline discount to personnel of airlines with which they have a reciprocal agreement. Also Mammoth Stage will be offering a discount on the local bus transportation.

For further information contact the Mammoth Lakes Chamber of Commerce at (714) 934-2712.

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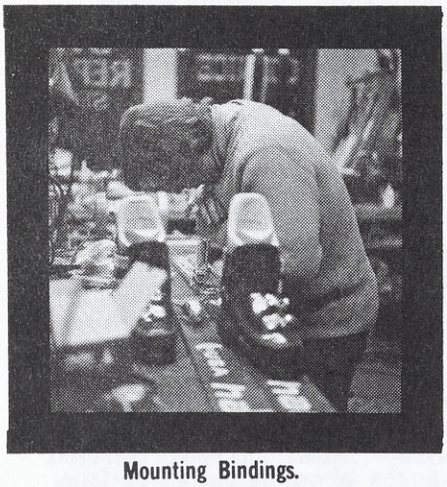
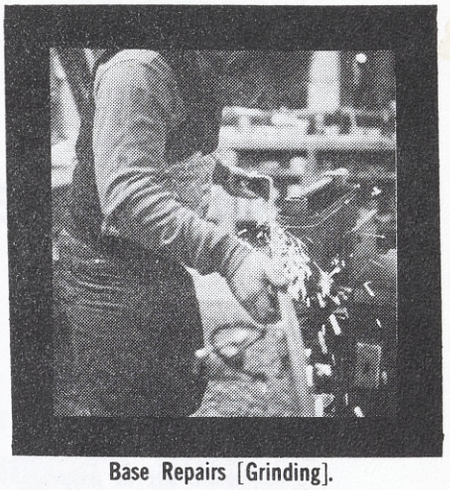


Mounting Bindings.

OVERNIGHT SKI REPAIR SHOP
Mammoth Lakes, California



Base Repairs [Grinding].

So you've just driven 55 mph all the way from L.A. in hopes of a great ski vacation in Mammoth. But in unloading your skis upon arrival you notice their bases are in need of help — and fast. No one wants to spend half a day sitting around waiting for their skis to be tuned up — expecially when you only have 2 or 3 days to ski in the first place.

And what about you few lucky folks who live in Mammoth all winter. With the amount of skiing you do, you'll need frequent small tune-ups on your much abused skis. But, who can you trust to do a fast, high-quality job on one of your most valued possessions?

In Mammoth there is a wide selection of repair shops to choose from — seemingly making your choice difficult — but not so! You know what you're looking for — fast, efficient, careful and professional work — all to be found at the **Cornice Ski Repair Shop!**

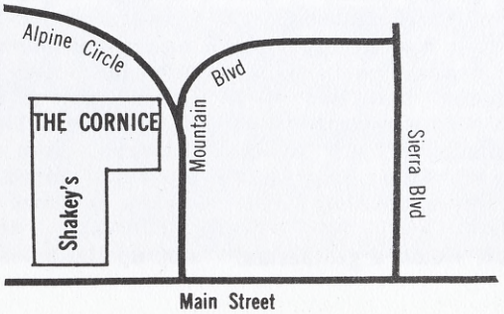
Long after the Cornice Ski Shop is closed the Repair Shop experts continue to work into all hours of the night to insure that your skis will be ready for you in the morning.

One of the many nice aspects of the Cornice is you can watch everything that is being done to your skis. Not only that, the friendly professional personnel will be glad to explain what they're doing so that you can make your own simple repairs the next time your skis need a quick touch up.

Bob Rusling, owner of the Cornice, is always around to answer questions and personally supervise and assist in the ski repairs. He becomes involved in the smallest problem you may have, or the biggest. His first care is quality workmanship for your well-being on the slopes. And to insure this, Bob will stand behind every piece of equipment and repair work that leaves his shop.

So don't let dull edges dull a day of skiing. Get fast help with safe results — Let the **Cornice Ski Repair shop** keep you and your skis in tune with great skiing!

Straightening bent skis.



Relieving pressure points.

MAMMOTH FORUM

Geothermal Power— What is it? How Can It Affect Our Area?

A word that is popping up more and more in conversations recently is "Geothermal". The word seems to carry an air of mystery with it. **What is it? What are it's potential affects in our area?**

The dictionary defines geothermal as "of or pertaining to the internal heat of the earth". Geothermal discussions in our area center around the possibility of geothermal power plants—the use of the internal heat of the earth to produce electricity.

Areas that are natural for potential geothermal sites are those where hot springs or geysers exists. Everyone is familiar with the abundance of hot springs in Mono County. The hot springs are located in two basic areas—Mono Lake and Long Valley.

Geothermal power plants utilize either hot water or steam to operate turbines which in turn produce electricity. The process is very complicated and involves an extensive amount of equipment. Wells must be drilled to get to the hot water and steam. The wells can be as deep as 8 to 10 thousand feet. The hot water is extracted from the wells and is converted to steam. The steam is then piped to a tank which further dries out the steam. The dry steam then goes to the turbines where the actual power is generated. From the turbine the steam then goes through cooling tanks to condense the steam into water and then to cooling towers to cool the water off. Then the water from the cooling towers is recycled to the cooling tank.

Currently there is one operational geothermal plant in the United States. It is in a geyser area near San Francisco and operated by Pacific Gas and Electric. Geysers produce just steam where as hot springs produce hot water and steam. There is some exploration currently being done in the Imperial Valley of California. However, there is an operational pilot geothermal plant in Serro Prieto Mexico. This plant utilizes both hot water and steam, the same as in this area.

On January 20, three geothermal leases were accepted by the Bureau of Land Management for parcels of their land in the Long Valley area. Four parcels up for bid in Long Valley and near Mono Lake received no bids.

In addition to the BLM lands, the Forest Service has an area in the Little Antelope Valley that will be going out for bid, depending on the outcome of the Mono Plan. It looks like it will probably be April before the Forest Service will be defined and perhaps as late as November before the bids are let. Drilling could start tomorrow on the BLM land leases. However, it is expected that no drilling will take place until the Forest Service leases are let. This is because of the effect of the results of earlier drilling on the value of the Forest Service leases.

Earlier exploratory drilling near Mono Lake has indicated that this area may not be so desirable as originally thought. No exploratory drilling has occured in the Long Valley area.

How would a geothermal plant affect our area? What are the problems of geothermal power plants?

The total answer to this question is unknown. Authorities disagree as to the impact of this form of power production on our total energy supply. Southern California Edison believes that, at best, geothermal power would account for only 5-6% of the total electrical power. Others feel this figure could be much higher.

The plants are large operations and far from attractive—lots of pipes, tanks and exposed machinery. Steam can only be piped one mile; this means that a power generating plant would most likely be a series of plants. The pipes cannot be placed underground due to the expansion and contraction from the extreme heat of the water and steam. It is felt, however, that the pipes could be placed in trenches, thus hiding them from view.

Large amounts of steam are produced and escape into the atmosphere in a geothermal operation. This steam would be visable from quite a distance. One of the unknowns is the affect of this steam on our climate—would an inversion layer occur? Sulfur dioxide is a byproduct of the escaping steam. A safe level of sulfur dioxide has not yet been determined.

The hot water extracted from the earth is very high in chemical content. Therefore, the water must be treated prior to its use in the turbines. The chemicals produce a scale on pipes and equipment. This scale is an accumulation of salt crystals which can stop up the pipes in three months. This problem has not yet been solved. Any water that is waste in the operation will kill all vegetation in its path if disposed of on the earth's surface.

There is also a noise factor in the operation of the plants. This may not be a serious problem due to the distance of this plants from living areas.

What will be done to lessen these problems?

The U.S. Forest Service is currently drawing up a set of restrictions for geothermal power plants. Some of the restrictions will be placed on geothermal operations—both exploratory and operational—included:

1. All plants must be a closed system. This means that all extracted water that is waste must be returned to below the earth's surface. This will assure that there will be no loss of vegetation due to water spillage.
2. Slant drilling will be required where possible. By utilizing slant drilling, many wells can service the same power plant. This will reduce the number of power plants and pipes for the steam and hot water.
3. There will be a maximum noise level set.
4. A sulfur dioxide waste maximum will also be stipulated.
5. Some controls will be placed on location of the plants so as to be less visible.
6. Public hearings at a local level will be required.

It is hoped that the Bureau of Land Management will impose similar restrictions.

The next few months will indicate the possible future of geothermal in this area and we will try to keep you up to date.

FROM OUR READERS

Editor:

I recently had the occasion to need a basket-ride down the mountain after breaking my leg skiing. The members of the ski patrol who assisted me deserve the highest recognition and appreciation for their speed, efficiency, skill, kindness and friendliness. I here offer such appreciation publicly.

All too often the public, even locals, view the Ski Patrol as just another arm of law enforcement. This view is unfortunate and incorrect, and I hope this note will encourage strong support of the Ski Patrol, especially among those who have not yet needed first aid on the mountain.

Sincerely,
Mary Alexander
Local Resident

Editor:

The initiation of the scheduled service of Mammoth Stage Lines, both to serve the Main Lodge and Chair Lifts 7&8, as well as the airport service, is an important step forward in solving what must be obvious is the greatest single problem related to skiing at Mammoth. I refer, of course, to the incredibly difficult parking situation at both lift areas, as well as the large traffic jams which occur at the end of the day when most skiers are leaving the Main Lodge area for the village.

I hope that it will be generally recognized that it is much more pleasant and practical to leave your vehicle at your place of lodging and utilize the Mammoth Stage Lines, thereby reducing road traffic, parking congestion and various allied problems. I feel, however, that there is not enough visible advertising in and around Mammoth of Mammoth Stage Lines' service, which I hope can be corrected. It occurs to me that the public address system could be effectively used to direct the attention of skiers to this service and on a frequent basis and that the operator of the lift area could make an effort to see that the availability of the service is widely publicized. It can only rebound to his benefit as well as the skiers.

Sincerely,
J. Stacey Sullivan, Jr.

VIP's From Japan To Visit Mammoth

On March 23 a group of fifty to eighty Japanese V.I.P.'s will arrive at Mammoth Mountain Ski Area on a Goodwill Ski Mission. Among the group will be cameramen from the top Japanese network TV station.

During their five day stay, the entourage will be looking at Mammoth as a winter vacation resort for the people of their country. Already, Mammoth is included in their Winter Brochure.

The spokesman of the group has requested that a slalom race or other ski competition be organized so that the cameramen can film it. The TV networks have indicated that they will offer the prizes and trophies.

The group is hopeful that during their stay they will be able to meet with many of the local people and to enjoy all of the entertainment that Mammoth has to offer.

Plans are underway at Mammoth Mountain Ski Area to make the visit most enjoyable and informative.

Timber Ridge & Western Slopes Celebrate Washington's Birthday

A Washington's Birthday "Top of the World" Party and the showing of Timber Ridge and Western Slopes Villas condominium projects is coming up this weekend at Mammoth Mountain beginning Saturday, February 16. Visitors to either project will be served complimentary hot toddies throughout the 3 day weekend.

Highlighting the 3 day event will be a free drawing for a snowmobile. Registration for the contest is at either the Timber Ridge or Western Slopes project, with the drawing taking place at 5:00 pm on Monday, February 18th at Timber Ridge, which is located between the Blue Jay ski run and ski lifts 7 and 8. Guests do not have to be present to win.

The one, two and three bedroom Timber Ridge residences, priced from $34,900 to $69,900, are within close skiing distance of the lifts. To reach Timber Ridge, drive up Lake Mary Road to Davidson Road. Take a right up the hill on Davidson and a left when reaching John Muir Road. Follow John Muir Road to the "Top of the World" and the Timber Ridge condominiums.

Western Slopes Villas, within easy walking distance of two chair lifts, are priced from $25,900 to $37,900. Western Slopes is located on the corner of Rainbow Lane and Forest Trail, near Chairs 7 and 8.

Both projects have 90% financing available. For more information call (714) 934-8102.

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CROSS COUNTRY CORNER

by Roy Wagner

photos by Lili Moana Fabian

All right! Today we talk about equipment, especially equipment suited for ski touring in the Mammoth Lakes Basin. Just as in any other manufacturing line, good and poor quality equipment is available, and usually the small difference in price justifies purchasing the better quality line. We are only interested in high quality ski touring gear and will turn our attention to this type of equipment. It would be well to mention at the outset that just because a certain manufacturer's line has been omitted does not mean that we consider it to be of inferior quality—it's only that there is only so much space and maybe I'm not too familiar with the particular brand. So please—no offense!

Let's start with the skis and build from there. We'll probably be interested in light-touring to heavy-touring types, both suited to general tours around Mammoth. These skis are usually constructed of hickory and birch laminations with a hickory sole and either birch or hickory top. The lighter models, which also may include racing skis, could have a core of balsa. Better skis have from 17-30 laminations. Some light-touring types have beveled top edges to further reduce the already light weight.

Almost all better skis have edges composed of compressed beechwood, called lignostone. Compressed to about eight times the original volume, these edges provide a satisfactory hardened surface for better control on all but the crustiest and iciest snow surfaces. Heavier mountain skis may have metal edges (often aluminum) along the middle edge of the skis to provide the more positive control required on the higher exposed slopes.

Tips are usually turned up more than the downhill skis to provide greater flotation in the unpacked snow. There is usually a slight upbend to the rear end, capped with a metal plate to avoid splitting.

A good touring ski will have lots of camber to assist in the kick-glide movement characteristic of Nordic style, with a softer tip flex and a harder rear flex. The harder rear flex is supposed to give the skier greater forward momentum when the kick-glide technique is being utilized.

Widths of racing skis range from 45 to 48 millimeters, light-touring skis from 50 to 52 millimeters, and heavier touring and mountain skis from 52 to 60 millimeters.

Wood skis are gorgeous examples of the woodworker's art, are very esthetic, and a real pleasure to appreciate and own. So far in the evolution of the Nordic type ski, wood is still best, as a properly prepared wood base holds wax better than anything yet to come along. This could change in a few years with further development of synthetic bases.

Bonna, Madshus, Skilom, Trysil-Knut, Asnes, Splitkein/Bass, Toppen and a number of other companies manufacture excellent touring skis. For specific examples, the Bonna 1800 model is great for ordinary light touring around Mammoth; also the 2000 and the 2400 models are excellent, although of heavier construction.

Other manufacturers of touring skis which are composed of top plates and soles of synthetic material (although the cores may very well be of wood lamination) include Fisher, Hexcel, Trak, Bonna, and Splitkein. These skis appear to be excellently made, and aside from waxing considerations, may be ideal for special situations.

The Trak ski is unique in that the sole is made of plastic embossed with a fish-scale design that allows for forward movement but hopefully not backward. Probably this ski is great for those who do not wish to pursue the sport more than casually. The plastic bases have been known to wear, thus reducing their effectiveness.

Bonna, Splitkein, and Hexcel have introduced interesting models with plastic bases inlaid with two mohair strips along the middle third of the ski. Mohair has an interesting quality—it lays down when rubbed in one direction, and stiffens when rubbed in the other direction. Now, if your mohair strips have been placed in the ski correctly, you should be able to glide forward and yet have some grip to prevent a backward slide. Neat, huh? I think this is the way to go if you don't want to bother with the waxing technique. And the mohair strips are replaceable when they wear down. Limitations are mostly in reducing the amount of glide available compared to a well-waxed ski, and the possibility of the mohair icing up and defeating it's purpose. These could really be a good idea—try renting some in Mammoth and see how they work for you.

Just remember though, if you even remotely think you could get hooked on this sport, seriously consider purchasing a pair of all-wood skis. Even though you will then need to learn and apply some basic waxing techniques, you'll find that this does not become a chore, but rather a mild exercise in properly interpreting snow conditions. A sense of accomplishment is

achieved when your skis and waxes co-operate in producing a good kick-glide movement.

So, okay, you say, "I'm filled to the gills with info regarding types of Nordic skis! How long should my skis be?" The simple rule using the measurement from the floor to your upward raised wrist will put you right in the ball park. Nordic skis are longer than downhill skis because you need greater flotation and tracking ability for the relatively narrower width dimensions. They'll seem especially long for those folks who have become accustomed to skiing downhill with the GLM innovation.

You'll need poles, too. Again, a simple length measurement—from the floor to your armpits. Longer than downhill types, because you will be actively using arms and poles to assist in the rhythmic kick-glide motion. Or else to push yourself up a hill or up out of the deep snow following a fall. Cane poles are presently best suited for general touring, with a medium diameter basket and forward curving tip. The special tip allows the pole to be more easily removed from the snow following an arm thrust to the rear. Better poles have adjustable hand straps to accommodate different sized hands and mittens.

Fiberglass and aluminum touring poles are also on the market, and are well-adapted for serious racing and perhaps some other special situations (especially the aluminum ones). It may be a toss-up as to whether cane or fiberglass poles are "best". I guess the rule here is—"whatever turns you on!"

Bindings and boots are next, but we're out of time and space. More next month on these. In the meantime, if you're ready to buy, get a standard Nordic 3-pin binding and light touring boot—you'll be on the right "track".

"KEEP ON TRACKIN"!!!

Forest Service Offers Ski Tours

Each Saturday morning at 11:00 am a conducted cross country ski tour heads into the snowy Forests of the Mammoth Lakes Basin. These free interpretive tours are conducted by Forest Service Naturalist Dick Warren of the Mammoth Ranger District, Inyo National Forest.

Ski tours have been conducted in the Mammoth Lakes area by the U.S. Forest Service over 10 years. The recent popularity of cross country touring has stimulated a strong new interest.

Few areas in the United States have the rich variety of snow, scenery and skiing conditions found at Mammoth Lakes. Here in the very shadow of Mammoth Mountain is ski touring terrain to be enjoyed by both the beginner and the most skilled expert.

If you are interested in cross country or alpine ski tours check with the U.S.F.S. people at the Mammoth Visitor Center. The telephone number is 934-2505.

Ski Touring Safety Hints

Ski touring time is here again and, except for the occasional racer, most of us are Ski Tourers. Cross country skiing has been portrayed as a gentle, quiet way in which to enjoy the out-of-doors.

While this is basically true, there are some inherent dangers associated with ski touring. These things that a ski tourer probably will encounter if he stays with it long enough.

To be really safe in the back country during winter, a person must be alert to the signs around him. The thing to be conscious of is any change that takes place.

These changes or differences may be very slight. A quick temperature change up or down, snow falling off of trees, a change in wind direction or velocity, snow plumes off ridges and high peaks, sudden cloud cover, snow setting under your skis or cracking away from them.

Any one of these things could mean danger, and a combination of them most certainly will.

This doesn't mean you should burn your skis and stay home. It does mean you should consider a few things before and during your trip.

Here are some items it would be wise to consider.

1. Gather weather data and get a forecast. You can get this from the Weather Bureau or Forest Service.
2. Review factors that contribute to avalanches. (One good reading source is the Forest Service Handbook "Snow Avalanches". It can be purchased from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402. Price $1.)
3. Carry emergency equipment. (Matches, warm clothes, extra tip, etc.).
4. Be observant. Through the trip look for changes.

Safe travel times are also important.

1. Early and midwinter—rapid temperature changes occur early morning and late afternoon. This increases hazard.
2. Late winter—midday and afternoon melting provides lubrication that increases hazard.
3. If storm sets in, travel during first few hours or bivouac until hazard is less. Highest danger is during storm and immediately after. If persistent cold temperature, high hazard may exist for several days.

Avoid known avalanche paths. It is advisable to stay:

1. on windward side of ridges.
2. in a "U" shaped valley as far away from slopes with avalanche potential as possible.
3. out of narrow or "V" valleys. Stay high on slopes as close to fracture zone as possible.
4. in dense timber.
5. off of cornices.

If you find it necessary to cross a slide path, take the following precautions:

1. Remove or loosen equipment (ski poles, packs, etc.).
2. Stay as high as possible. The closer you are to the fracture line the better.
4. Use an avalanche cord.
5. Use natural protection in your route—rock out crops, tree clumps, ridges, etc.
6. Do not assume slope is safe if it doesn't slide after the first man has crossed it. It may release after several people have been on it.

In summary, you should pay attention to the following:

1. Know the weather.
2. Know what creates avalanche hazard.
3. Be properly equipped.
4. Be observant.
5. If you must travel in avalanche areas, choose your route very carefully.

REMEMBER THE LIFE YOU SAVE MAY BE YOUR OWN!

Vista Chair —Beginning of Skier Transportation Solutions

With the imminent conclusion of the Mono Plan's Phase III and its recommendations for solutions to Mammoth's problems, their proposals for the elimination of the traffic and parking conditions which now exist are of widespread interest. One of the key recommendations is the construction of lifts all the way into the town area, thus making a walk to the lifts a reality for many and eliminating that driving-parking headache. In fact, Mammoth Mountain would like to construct one chair in 1974! It would reach from the Mammoth Vista area at the intersections of Meridian and Majestic Pines Boulevards to the top of Chair 8. The Monoplanners have suggested that there is a future need to add two more chairs from this basic area to provide for the ultimate skier capacity of the eastern bowl, and further alleviate traffic problems on Minaret Road.

Status of the Mammoth Vista chair has been a mystery for the past year due to delays in the Mono Plan and the Forest Service reluctance to approve a new lift facility until an overall plan was prepared for Mammoth.

Dave McCoy (President of Mammoth Mountain Ski Area) indicates that he is ready to move ahead with the Vista chair if approvals come soon enough. He is, however, concerned that some of the delays that have prevented its construction for the last two years will happen again.

It is significant, however, that each of the three alternatives for Mammoth (as presented by the Monoplanners) recommend the new lift; that the Mammoth Advisory Council (representing the people of Mammoth) is also in favor of the proposed Vistia facility and that Dave McCoy is ready to begin construction this spring. The one question mark relates to the speed in which the Monoplanners can move ahead with an Environmental Impact Report on the new facility as Mammoth Mountain must make a go/no go decision on the purchase of equipment by early March.

The other participant in the proposed new lift is East Sierra Development Corporation, who owns the land on which the lower terminal of the lift is to be built. "We are ready with our contribution of land, easements and costsharing with Dave McCoy" says Bill Allen, ESDC's president. "We are really heartened by everyone's help on this lift, for it is really a total benefit to the community and especially to Southern California skiers". He cites the results of a questionnaire sent to 10,000 Southern California skiers seeking their response favoring or opposing the new lifts. 1600 skiers replied and 94% were in favor of it.

The Mammoth Vista chair (recommended by the Monoplanners) is only a partial solution to the overall skier transportation problem, according to the Monoplanners. Providing convenient access to the mountain is one of the crucial problems they have had to face. It will require a combination of automobile, bus, and mountain lift access (such as the Chair 7-8 and Mammoth Vista areas) to achieve a solution. Final recommendations are scheduled for presentation in a public meeting on March 4.

The preliminary information indicates that the primary new methods of access consist of chair lifts to central locations and an expanded local bus system. The bus system would pick up skiers every five minutes and deliver them either to the Mammoth Vista chair, Chair 7-8, or in the main lodge area.

Even under optimum conditions approximately 30% of the skiers will still have to drive, but if two proposed plans are put into effect it could be more desirable to walk to a town chair terminal or bus stop than to drive to the main lodge.

The Mammoth Advisory Council has also been concerned with skier traffic and transportation. One of the "now" solutions is the connection of Meridian to Minaret Road by extension and improvement of Summer House Road. This plan will divert traffic from Highway 203 and would provide for a more desirable central Village area.

Mammoth Standard Races Now Four Days A Week

Mammoth Mountain Ski Area announced this week that they have added one more day to their Standard Race schedule. Due to the popularity with both residents and visitors, Friday races will start this week. Standard races are for everyone—young and old, snowplower to hot dogger!

On Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays the races start at 1:30 at the top of Chair 6. The race course is a short slalom set up on Forest Trail. Sign up for the race is anytime on the day of the race at the Ski School Office in the Main Lodge.

If you prefer giant slalom, Thursday is your day. Sign up at the ski school office in the new Warming Hut at the base of Chairs 7&8. Race time is 1:30 pm.

The entry fee for each race is $3.00. A re-run can be taken for a dollar. For those wishing a little preparatory instruction, there are special all-day ski school classes which teach you racing techniques in the morning and allows you to race in the Standard Race in the afternoon.

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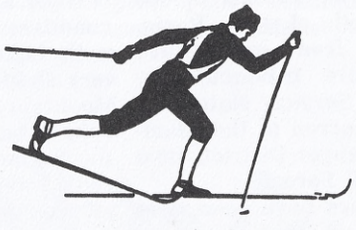

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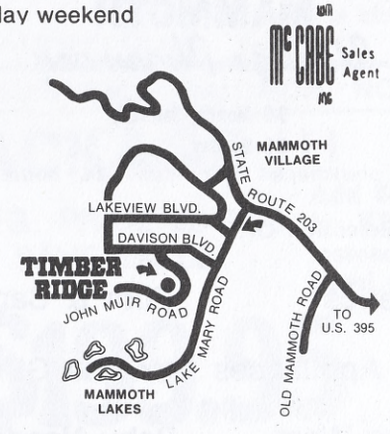

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The camp will be held in four sessions, each with eight full days of skiing: the first running from May 25th to June 2nd, which is an adult and children session, the second from June 4th to June 12th, the third from June 13th to June 21st and the final session from June 22nd to June 30th.

Headquarters for the camp will be in the Base Lodge at Mammoth Mountain Inn. Students will be assigned four to a room maximum. A heated swimming pool will be available to the camp registrants. All meals and seminars will be held at the Base Lodge.

Basic equipment to be provided by the students includes pants and parka, skis (slalom and/or giant slalom), boots and poles, running or sweat clothes, swimming suit, protective dark glasses and sun cream. Only summer casual clothes are necessary.

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Mammoth Mtn Ski Patrol Accidents Under Investigation

Mammoth Mountain Ski Area and U.S. Forest Service officials are currently investigating two avalanche control accidents that have claimed the life of one professional ski patrolman and seriously injured a second. Both accidents occurred while triggering avalanches with hand thrown explosives on Mammoth Mountain Ski Resort during adverse weather conditions.

Ray Critten, 35 of Mammoth, was fatally injured on December 13, 1973, when a hand set explosive ignited prematurely and exploded. William Bohannon, 28, also of Mammoth, was seriously injured in a similar accident on January 1, 1974. Bohannon is still in Northern Inyo Hospital in Bishop recovering from his injuries.

As a result of these accidents, Mammoth Mountain and the Forest Service are conducting a full scale cooperative investigation. The purpose of the investigation is to determine the cause in order to prevent future accidents of this nature.

Forest Service involvement in this investigation stems from their concern and interest at Mammoth, as well as other winter sports areas in the United States. Because snow avalanches pose a threat to the public using National Forest land, control of these hazards is of concern both to the Forest Service and ski area operators.

The Inyo National Forest and Mammoth Mountain Ski Area have brought in private consultants and experts from across the nation to aid in this cooperative investigation, due to the nationwide implication of this project.

Upon completion of this investigation and review by responsible authorities the results will be circulated nationwide in order to utilize the findings of this project.

Hand charging has been an accepted avalanche control method for many years. This procedure has been temporarily suspended pending this investigation. Alternative methods for avalanche control work are currently being used to eliminate the hazards of snow avalanches on the ski runs.

Paula Page Wins In Hang Ten Race

The pro women racers of Mammoth made a grand and proud showing in the Hang Ten Women's Professional Ski Classic held in Snowmass, Colorado on January 11 and 12. Taking first place in the Women's Slalom was Paula Page, age 19, of Mammoth, who walked off with the $1,000 prize. Also competing from Mammoth was Katy Morning who took 4th in this event and Penny McCoy in 5th place.

NEW CROSS COUNTRY SKI TRAIL AT MAMMOTH

A family cross country ski touring trail is now marked and ready for use according to Forest Service District Ranger Dick Austin. The new loop trail, located behind the Forest Service Visitor Center at Mammoth, is 2 kilometers (1¼ miles) in length. Most skiers should be able to complete the loop trail in less than 45 minutes. The trail leaves from the back parking lot of the Visitor Center and travels through portions of Shady Rest Campground and over gently rolling terrain before returning to the parking lot.

Because this ski trail is now available, skiers are asked to stay off the marked snowmobile trail which follows the Sawmill Cutoff Road. Snowmobilers are reminded that the area around the Visitor Center and in Shady Rest Campground is closed to snowmobiles.

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Avalanche Control at Mammoth

At Mammoth Mountain, avalanche prediction and control is a combination effort of the U.S. Forest Service and the Mammoth Mountain Ski Patrol. As a team, they work together to assure the safety to Mammoth's skiers.

The process for predicting potential avalanche danger begins at the Midway Station at Mammoth. Here the U.S. Forest Service has installed a very sophisticated instrumentation system which indicates the condition of the snow. Sensors measure the moisture content of the snow, snow density, and analyize the various layers of the snow pack.

During the fall of 73 the U.S. Weather Bureau installed an experimental weather station at the Mid Chalet—it is one of three such stations in the country. This equipment allows for much faster analysis of the weather and snow condition data that is gathered.

Another technique used by the Forest Service in predicting avalanche conditions is the "snow profile pits". About every two weeks a snow profile pit is dug in the flat area near the Mid Chalet. From these pits, the snow layers are studied. The purpose of this procedure is to search for unstable layers. (For example, an ice layer with loose granular snow on top.) the makeup of the snow layers changes often, not only with a new snowfall. When the snow conditions in the snow profile pit shows a combination of layers which potentially are avalanche prone, additional pits are dug on the upper slopes. When possible avalanche conditions exist, avalanche control measures are instituted. **What causes potential avalanche conditions?** The make up of the snow is influenced by many factors—air temperature, wind, new snowfall. Temperatures affect the moisture content of the snow. The wind can be an asset as it aids in packing the snow. However, excessive wind without a snowfall can move the snow forming cornices and setting up a possible avalanche danger. Every storm is different. The amount of moisture

Marty Karpiel is preparing one of the standard 75/m recoiless rifles, at Mammoth Mountain, for firing by removing the cover which protects it from the harsh elements.

Stan Buntz, is in the process of siting the gun by lining it up on an avalanche chute, somewhere near the top, near the fracture zone. There are 6 key avalanche chutes that must be shot every time dangerous snow conditions arise.

Mtn.—Pictorial View

photos by Tom Johnston

content in a snowfall will cause the existing snow layers to change.

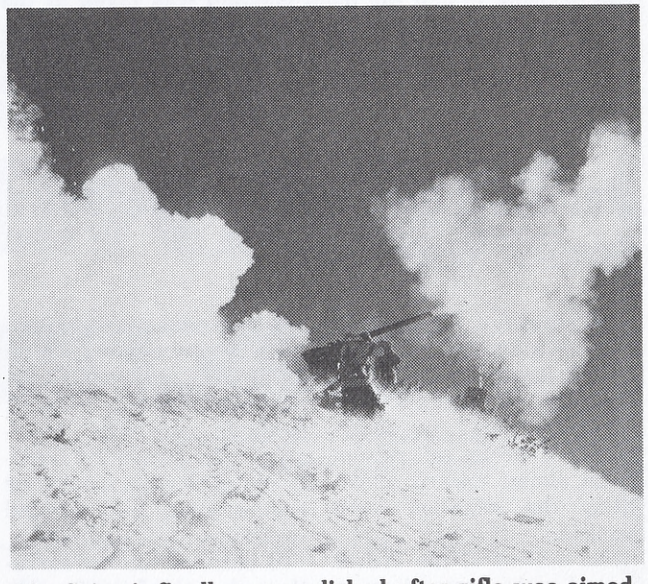
What is done when possible avalanche danger is detected?

The avalanche control teams are made up of expertly trained U.S. Forest Service men and Mammoth Mountain Ski Patrolmen (on Forest Service payroll while performing avalanche control). The teams are up early, long before dawn. Cats take them up the mountain to the gun mounts. Just before dawn, the 75 mm recoiless rifles are set up to "shoot down the avalanches". Almost the total mountain can be covered with these guns. Portable mounts are also used when necessary. Rounds are shot into the key avalanche chutes. If there is any action of the snow, additional rounds are fired.

After the firing is completed in remote areas hand charging is used. The Ski Patrol then starts "cutting the snow". This is an additional step that is taken to be sure that the snow is stable prior to allowing skiers on the runs. "Ski cutting" is done in teams. The team starts at the summit of a ridge. Only one member skis at a time, while the other observes. Each patrolman traverses back and forth across the chute to the bottom, testing the snow as he goes. Each man is equipped with an avalanche cord and a skadi (an electronic detecting device) in case of a snow slide.

Once all of these protective measures are taken, the runs are open to the public—and skiers can be assured that the avalanche danger is virtually eliminated.

Every shooting requires a loader and a gunner. Here Marty is loading a round into the rifle, while Stan stands by checking safety factors and waiting to site and fire.



The firing is finally accomplished after rifle was aimed, set, and loaded. A recoiless rifle relieves its pressure by exploding out the back end, so the loader and gunner must stand to one side of the gun and pull the cord which triggers the explosion.

On March 5, voters of the Southern Mono Hospital district will cast their ballots on the proposed $2,397,730 bond issue of erecting a hospital in the Mammoth Lakes area. The decision to call the bond election was taken at the December 20 meeting of the District Board of Directors, which includes Dave McCoy, president; Irene Maron, secretary; Florence Sharp, L.V. Norton and W.E. Van Nattan.

Both the need and the population together with tourist influx is present for the support of this new hospital. Many values have been discussed such as bringing permanent doctors to the area, providing better emergency service as well as needed care. A community meeting will be held at the Mammoth Community Center, February 26, at 7:00 pm. All hospital board district members will be present together with consultant Dr. Wade Eckert to answer any questions you may have.

Mammoth District Water Board Adopts Resolutions

Wednesday, February 6, the Mammoth District Water Board held a public meeting to discuss the "water crisis" in Mammoth. A series of resolutions aimed toward alleviating the situation were passed.

The actions of the Water Board were brought on in part as a result of a hearing in January with the State Water Resources Control Board. At this hearing the request by the Mammoth Water District for additional surface water was reviewed. No additional surface water was allocated; the result being that Mammoth must now look toward other methods for increasing their water supply.

Another factor that inspired this immediate reaction of the Water Board, was communication from the State Department of Real Estate indicating that they would give no further final approvals on subdivisions until steps have been taken toward acquiring additional water for Mammoth.

During peak times, Mammoth is now coming within 5% of the surface water allocated. The two basic methods currently available to the Mammoth County Water District are water conservation and ground water.

To enforce the conservation of water, the installation of water meters may be imminent. The immediate reaction of the community to this suggestion was very negative. The common reason for this reaction was that the installation would be very costly (about $240 per meter) and that the water savings might not be that great due to the large number of tourists using our water who would not realize the urgency of conserving water.

Mammoth County Water District has already drilled four lateral wells. Three of these wells have good water. The estimated production from these wells when hooked up to the system is about a 33% increase in water.

The Water District will also begin drilling a vertical well as soon as approvals are granted. Hopefully this should be within two months with estimated completion by August. This well is estimated to be able to produce an additional 50% of the current surface water supply.

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There will be guided Alpine (downhill) ski tours, led by Snow Ranger Stan Bunce, on Mammoth Mountain. Dick Warren and John Derby will be leading cross-country skiing and snowshoe hikes to points of scenic and historic interest.

Evening programs at the handsome Mammoth Visitor Center will be offered on weekends and holidays from Thanksgiving weekend until after Easter.

Here is some basic information on the outdoor and indoor VIS—Forest Service program at Mammoth Lakes for the Winter of 1973-74.

Conducted Forest Service Ski Tours:

ALPINE TOURS (downhill equipment) from the top of Mammoth Mountain led by Snow Ranger Stan Bunce. Two and sometimes three tours each week leave from Mammoth Mountain Summit at 10:00 am. Gondola ride is $2.50 for adults and $1.25 for children 12 and under; no charge for the Forest Service tours. Strong—intermediate skiing ability is recommended. The tours follow a downhill route from 11,000 ft. down to 8500 ft. in four miles and last up to 2½hours. For additional information call 934-2505 or check the Forest Service bulletin board at the mid-terminal gondola building at Mammoth Mt. ski area.

CROSS COUNTRY (ski touring or downhill equipment) Tours are scheduled on Saturday mornings at 11:00 am from Thanksgiving weekend until late spring. The Hot Creek geysers, the Mammoth Lakes and local points of scenic and historic interest on the Inyo National Forest are visited. The terrain covered is moderate to easy. Forester Dick Warren and others will conduct these family-fun tours. Advanced-beginner ability is recommended for these one to three mile tours that last about 2½ hours.

SPECIAL SNOWSHOE AND CROSS COUNTRY TOURS are planned for holiday periods. Additional information about the above outdoor activities is available at the Mammoth Visitor Center, or by calling 934-2505.

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Edison Official States Why Costs Are Rising

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Mr. Katch stated that the cost of low sulphur oil has increased from $2.22 a barrel in 1970 to where for 1974 it will be selling in the $13 or higher range. Since a barrel of oil produces about 600 kilowatt hours of electricity, it means that if a customer uses 2400 kilowatt hours in a billing period the cost of oil to produce that electricity will have gone up at least $44 by the end of 1974.

Edison has been attempting in the last seven years to reduce its dependence on fuel oil by expanding its nuclear facility at San Onofre and constructing coal fired plants. However, because of opposition from certain segments of the public, the increased generation capacity and reduced fuel costs that would develop from coal and nuclear plants have been delayed.

Free literature which provides some helpful information on hints to reduce your electric consumption is available from the local Edison office. Also, if you wish to have someone speak to a group on the energy situation you may arrange for a speaker from the same office.

Of special interest to local communities, Southern Mono Hospital Auxiliary scheduled a Southern California Edison Company, speaker, Bob DeKarne, who was present at the regular February 6th meeting, Mammoth Community Center, 10 am. Subjects covered were energy conservation, how to apply to your own needs, rates, etc. Mr. DeKarne spoke following a business meeting.

With reference to the forthcoming March 5th hospital construction bond for the Mammoth Lakes district, meetings were set up for information to be given by board members of the hospital district as follows: February 5th, Junior Women's Club; February 11th, Nursery Mothers Club, contact Mrs. Judy Kassel; February 5th, Mammoth Lakes Chamber of Commerce regular meeting; February 14th, Crowley Lake Chamber of Commerce regular meeting; Crowley Chamber to be

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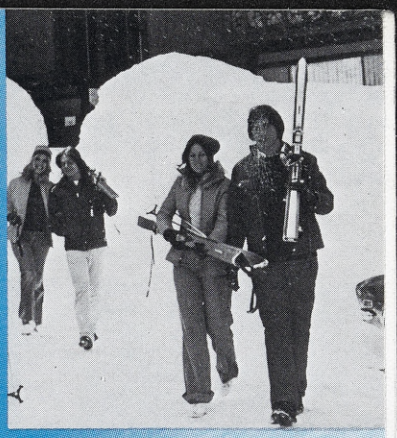

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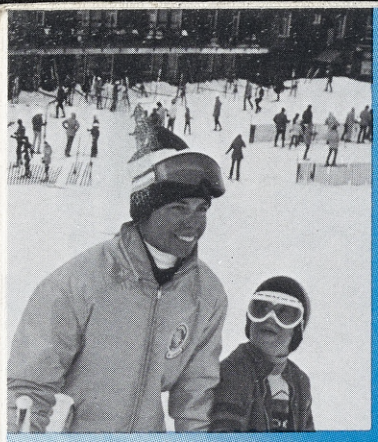

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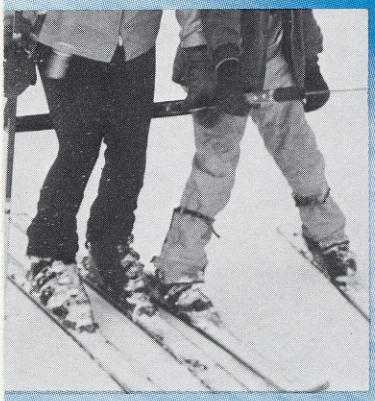

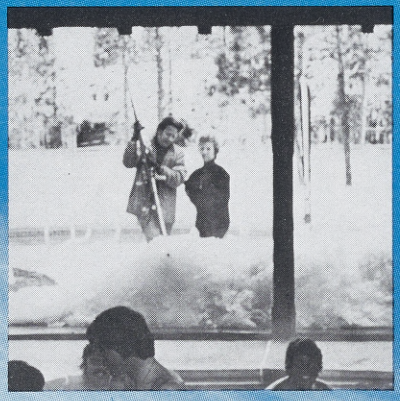

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"Celebrity Days" Plans Underway

The Mammoth Lodging Association is in full swing with their plans for the second annual "Celebrity Days" set for March 12-14. Last Wednesday the schedule of events was set up and committees were formed.

The three day event will be packed with activities for the visiting celebrities and press. Local residents and visitors will find many of the events fun to participate in or watch.

Tuesday, March 12, the celebrity group will arrive via a charter Sierra Pacific Airlines flight. After checking into their lodges or condominiums, they will be wisked off to Twin Lakes where Cal Nordic will outfit them for some cross country skiing. The group will have instruction in cross country skiing and take a short tour to their lunch site where wine and cheese will be served. After lunch the group will have a fun cross country race.

Mill City Mining Company will host the invitational cocktail party Tuesday evening. Trophies will be presented to the winners of the cross country race. After the cocktail party, the celebrities will be the guests of many of the local restaurants for dinner.

Wednesday, the pace will change a bit and the group will embark upon Mammoth Mountain Ski Area for some downhill skiing. There will be open skiing and instruction in the morning preparing the celebrities for an afternoon race on Broadway. Last year's race drew a large spectator audience, many with autograph books in hand.

The highlight of the "Celebrity Days" will be the celebrity banquet Wednesday evening. Everyone is invited to attend this gala affair. Plans are to hold the banquet at the new warming hut at the base of chairs 7&8. The entertainment committee is currently looking into a top group to play for the evening. Tickets will go on sale by mid February. Proceeds will go to the new Mammoth High School. Set this date aside now and plan to attend!

Thursday the celebrity group will go on a snowmobile tour before packing up to leave beautiful snow country.

The purpose of "Celebrity Days" is to promote Mammoth as an all-around winter sports area. Many press personalities will be invited to attend to cover the events.

Committee Chairman's have been set up: Hostesses and Decorations—Marga Pratt and Anna Lankes. Cross Country—Ole Gjestvang, Banquet—Jim Verholf, Entertainment—Elliott Thompson, Transportation— Keith Pratt, Lodging—June Sauser. Dinner Arrangements—Fred Dalock and Bob Kermode. Skiing and Race—Bob Kermode. Ticket Sales—June Sauser. Cocktail Party—Jim Verholf. Snowmobile Tour—Lynn Carter. Over-All Coordinator—Monty McCloud.

Mono Plan Public Meeting Will Present Master Plan

The public meeting that will complete Phase IV of the Mono Plan has been rescheduled for March 4. At the meeting a master plan for Mammoth and the surrounding 300 square mile area will be presented. The format of the meeting will be much the same as the last one. During the day the maps and charts will be displayed at the U.S. Forest Service Visitor Center and the Monoplanners will be available for comment. In the evening the master plan will be presented formally in a public meeting scheduled for 1:30 pm at the Visitor Center.

Prior to March 4, the Monoplanners will be having meetings with the County, Forest Service, Highway Department and MAC. Their progress and recommendations will be checked closely. The Mammoth Advisory Council will be kept up to date. At their February 11 and February 25 meetings, MAC will meet with members of the Mono Plan team to review the progress.

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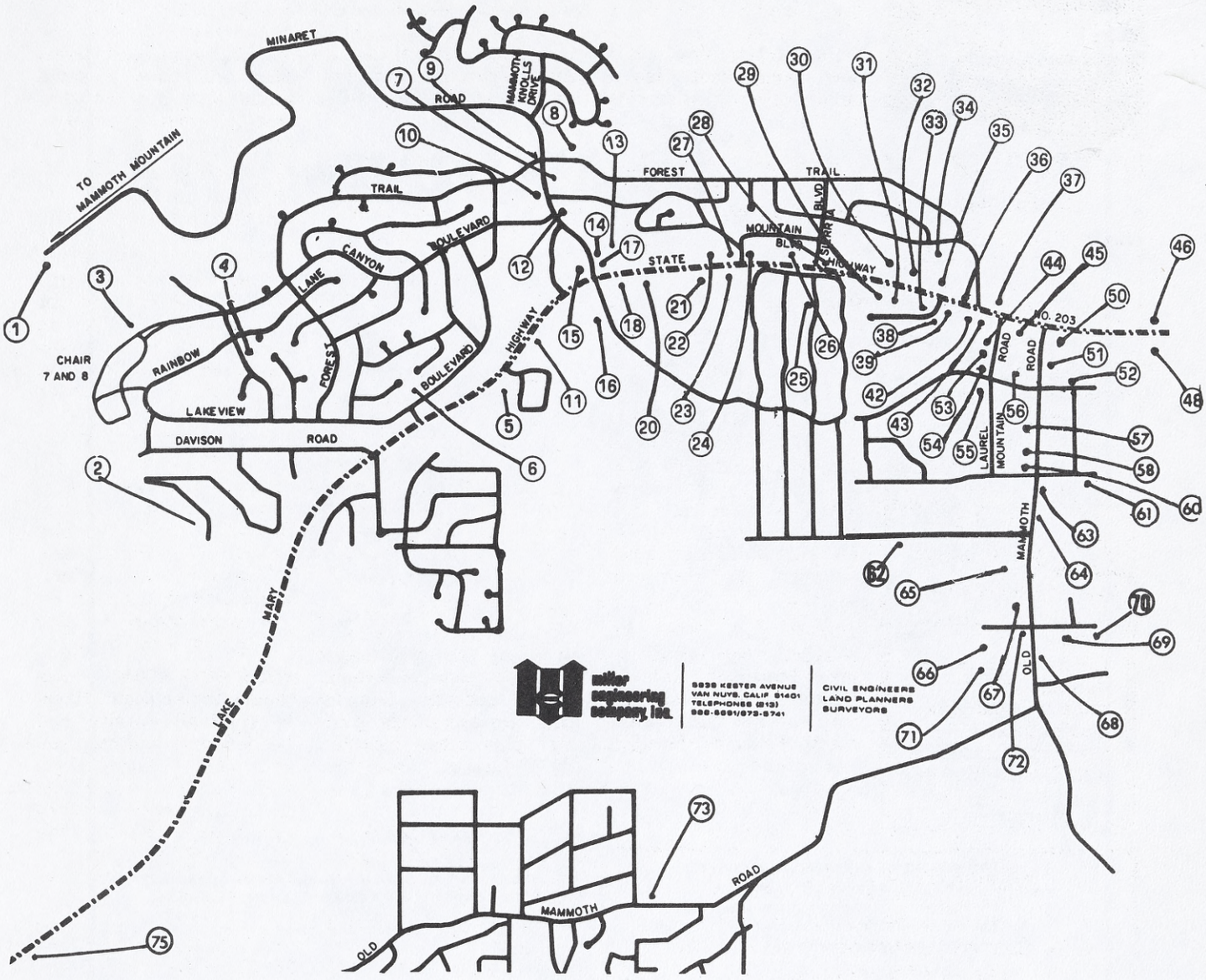

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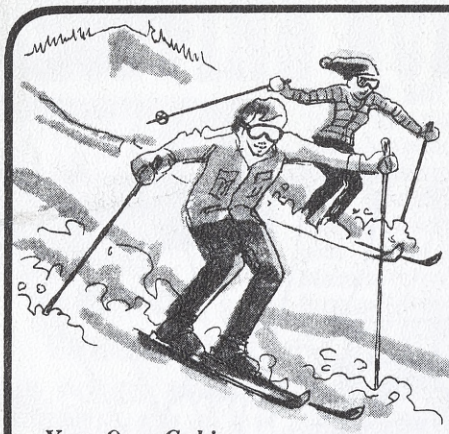

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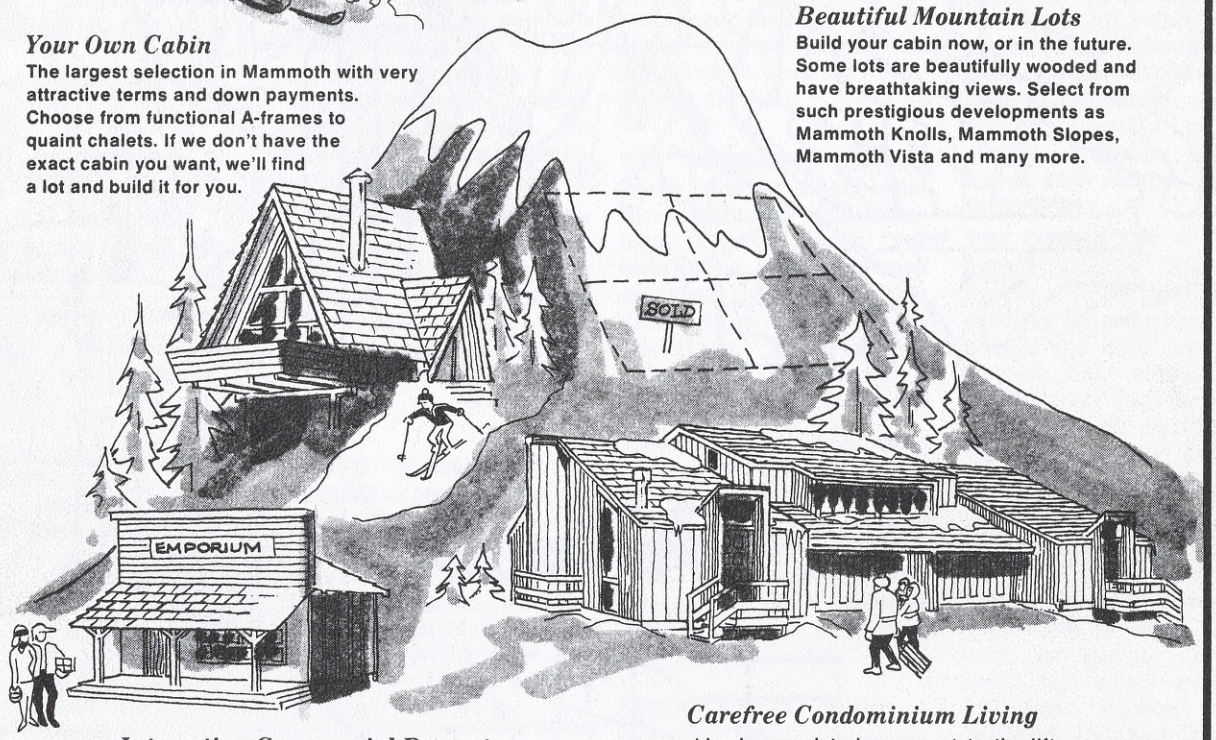

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